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Office Action Summary

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BHARAT C. PATEL

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/88)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under pct Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required in reply to this action to elect a single invention to which must be restricted.

- I: claim(s) 2, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a skin contact member defining a skin contact surface.
- II: claim(s) 3-5, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with the periodical motion in a reciprocating manner.
- III: claim(s) 6-7, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a pre-tensioning device.
- IV. claim(s) 8, 11-16, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system.
- V: claim 9, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with the shaving head releasably mounted to the base portion.
- VI: claim 10, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with the cutting member releasably mounted to the shaving head.

Claim 1 will be examined with the election of any one group from I – VI.

2. The inventions listed as Groups or Inventions I-II do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special features for the following reasons: The technical

feature of the invention I, as mentioned above, is not present in inventions II.

Conversely, the technical features in inventions II are not present in invention I. It should be noted that inventions I-II are distinct from one another by having at least a specific feature that is not presented in the other inventions.

3. Should Applicant elect Group IV, then Applicant is required to elect one of the following subgroups.

- IVa. claim(s) 11, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a rotary motor having an output shaft driving a rotary traverse shaft.
- IVb. claim(s) 12, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two rotary traverse members.
- IVc. claim(s) 13, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two hinging members.
- IVd. claim(s) 14, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a rotary motor having an output shaft driving inner cables of ends of two Bowden cables.
- IVe. claim(s) 15, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a rotary motor having an output shaft driving two transverse elements.

IVf. claim(s) 16, drawn to a device for shaving hairs with a transmission system with a shaving head having a coupling member.

Claims 1 and 8 will be examined with the election of any one subgroup from IVa – IVf.

4. Claims 1 and 8 link the inventions of subgroups IVa – IVf. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 1 & 5. Upon the indication of allowability of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

5. The inventions listed as subgroups or Inventions IVa-IVf do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special features for the following reasons: The technical feature of the invention IVa, as mentioned above, is not present in inventions IVb. Conversely, the technical feature in invention IVb is not present in invention IVa. It should be noted that inventions IVa-IVf are distinct from one another by having at least a specific feature that is not presented in the other inventions.

6. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance CFR 1.48 (b) if one or more

of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bharat C. Patel whose telephone number is 571-27-03078. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, alt. Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 24502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Bharat C Patel/

Examiner, Art Unit 3724, April 3, 2008.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3724